

# Port Williams Elementary School Newsletter

January 2018

December was an eventful month with Gifts of the Season concert, Ye Olde Gift Shoppe, Hat Day in support of the local food bank and a little snow for students to enjoy on the playground. We look forward to continuing learning experiences in the new year.



Gifts of the Season Concert



Hat Day



Santa (Mrs. Williams) and her  
Dance Partners

## **Sharing & Caring**

We would like to thank all families who generously donated cereal to our breakfast program, the family Christmas support initiative, and cranberries/stuffing for Christmas hampers for the Food Bank or funds to our school's Healthy Food Program through the Jane Holmes' Memorial Fund. These are gifts that "keep on giving".

## **Primary Registration – March 20 & 21, 2018**

Primary registration is being held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> this includes children who are, or will be, five by or on December 31, 2018. If you have a preschooler(s) in your home or you know of children in your neighbourhood please call (902-542-6074) the school to register your child.

## **Routine Head Checks**

If you become aware of any lice, please let us know at school so we can check the related classes. This process is time consuming for you at home and us at school but is a necessity. To prevent lice from spreading we suggest students place their hats in their coat sleeves and where their hair up when possible. If you have any questions, please contact us and we can share the knowledge we have acquired through our years of experience with head lice.

## **Blueberry Fundraiser**

Our Nutrition for Health Association will be selling blueberries again this February. More info to follow at a later date.

## **Cold Weather – Warm Clothing**



It's that time of year again . . . getting colder each day. We go outside each day in the winter unless there is a risk of frostbite. This is just a reminder that children require warmer clothing – hats, a couple of pairs of mittens, winter coats, snow pants, winter boots, an extra set of dry clothing. Please remember to label coats, snow pants and boots. We can more easily return things that get lost when they are labelled with the child's name. If you have gently worn winter outdoor wear (except hats) – we would appreciate having a stock of items to use.

### **Unexpected Early Dismissals**

If we have to dismiss our students unexpectedly during the school day, i.e. weather related, power outage, etc. we will send out a message through our Alert Solutions system, email and text to notify parents and guardians. We are asking that once you receive the notification that you email [pwes@avrsb.ca](mailto:pwes@avrsb.ca) (preferably) or call the school to notify us your child's plan if it is different than what you indicated on your child's unexpected early dismissal form. Thank you in advance for supporting this process.

### **Special and/or Expensive Toys**

Many children received new toys over the holidays. Unfortunately, toys can get broken, lost or "disappear" at school. Please discuss with your child these possibilities before bringing loved items to school. We are unable to guarantee the safety of these items when brought to school.

### **Home and School News**

Happy New Year from the Home and School! We hope you had a relaxing fun-filled holiday. Thank-you for your support of the Santa Breakfast and Ye Olde Gift Shoppe - they were successful fundraisers for the school.

We have an exciting Valentine Dance being planned for February, so brush off your dancing shoes and watch for further information!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Village of Port Williams Winter Frolic**

When: January 28, 2018

Time 3:00-5:00 p.m.

For more information check out Port Williams Recreation

**CentreStage** is pleased to present their first family play of 2018, *Cinderella! Cinderella!* By Edith Weiss. This Cinderella is very kind and not known for her beauty, especially compared to her beautiful, calorie obsessed, selfish stepsisters; and has big feet to boot. She learns during this very funny play that it isn't magic that will help you in life as much as the courage to stand up for yourself.

The play is on Feb.17.18.24.25. March 3,4. All shows begin at 2 PM (door opens at 1:15) and all tickets are \$5.00. It will be the first play in our newly renovated Upper Performance Centre. Please call 902-678-8040 for reservations.

## **Visual Arts Classes for Adults and Teens**



Do you wish you had more skills expressing yourself in art? Want to explore your creative side and be challenged and rewarded? Our visual arts courses, which are open to adults and teens, will help you explore new skills. To register contact Ross Creek

[Winter Session 1: Drawing Fundamentals](#) Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4

Sundays 10:00 – 3:00 \$295 + HST

[Winter Session 2: Printmaking](#) Feb 11, Feb 25, Mar 4

Sundays 10:00 – 3:00 \$295 + HST

**Winter Session 1+2 register for both & save! \$495 + HST**

## Winter Adventure Registrations now open!

## Come explore our winter wonderland Feb 16-18

Our coolest season at Ross Creek offers clean air, the dazzling splendour of light and snow, and a new way to experience nature. If you've come before, you'll get to the next level, AND you can use it towards [Duke of Edinburgh](#) award qualification!

With the guidance and support of our experienced instructor Emily Le Grand, campers will learn winter survival skills focusing on fire-making, shelter-building and winter navigation. Campers will build confidence and skills in the outdoors, while making great new friends, and incredible memories. The weekend will be challenging and a whole lot of fun! All meals are included, campers are supervised and stay in our heated cabins, weather is closely monitored and activities are adjusted based on current weather conditions.

[Register now](#) - limited space. \$200 plus tax. Ages: 9-14

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 3	First Day back for Students Home & School Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
Thursday, January 17	Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.)
Thursday, January 19	School Assembly (8:30am)

### Assemblies for January, 2018

January 19<sup>th</sup>